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CYCLONE HITS NEAR HARTSELLE, ONE MAY DIE; HOUSES RAZED

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TEN RESIDENCES DEMOLISHED BY WIND

Bethel Church Is Wrecked And Trees In Church-yard Twisted Off

Over telephone wires that had been hastily repaired, news reached here this morning of a destructive cyclone which struck one-half mile east of Hartselle last night, doing heavy property damage, demolishing half a score of houses and injuring a number of persons.

Mrs. Sallie Gray, aged 83 years and totally blind, was probably fatally injured.

None of the other victims of the tornado were dangerously hurt.

AMERICAN GUNNERS ARE BELIEVED LOST

MEN ON BOARD THE VACUUM PROBABLY DEAD.

(International News Service.)

London, May 1.—Little hope was held out here today that the missing of the torpedoed American oil steamer Vacuum, including a lieutenant of the American navy and nine American gunners, escaped with their lives. The survivors scheduled to reach London today were eagerly awaited for details of the attack.

This afternoon it was stated that the Vacuum survivors had been detained and would not reach London until tomorrow.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—Official information of the sinking of the American tanker Vacuum from which it is believed the captain and 10 members of the naval gun crew were drowned, was received by the state department today.

With official confirmation of the sinking at hand, the navy department still refused to make known the names of the missing naval lieutenant and nine gunners until their fate is fully established.

U. S. Good Roads Association First To Offer Aid In War

Birmingham, May 1.—(Special.)

Several weeks ago the United States Good Roads association through its executive officers wrote Secretary of War Newton D. Baker tendering the services of the organization in thirty-six states where it has life members, branch organizations, etc., to help to put the highway in a condition to mobilize the troops, supplies, ammunition and guns in order to effectively help in the great world wide war. The association immediately took up the matter with the various organizations to be ready for any emergency that might be demanded of them by the United States government in case of war.

J. A. Rountree, secretary of the United States Good Roads association, is in receipt of the following letter:

"Dear Sir:—I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date tendering the services of the United States Good Roads association in putting the highways in condition for war purposes and to thank you for the offer to the government. It has been made a matter of official record for such reference as the needs of the service may require."

"Faithfully yours,

(Signed) WM. INGRAHAM,

"Assistant Secy of War."

The United States Good Roads association has the distinction of being the first good roads organization in the country to tender its services to the government for military purposes.

Gray Home Struck.

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Wires Down.

Telephone and telegraph wires out of Albany to Hartselle were blown down, and wire communication with the sister city was not restored until 10 o'clock this morning. Linemen were sent out here to repair the breaks. A dozen poles were twisted off and other damage done.

AMBASSADOR ELKUS IS REPORTED AS IMPROVED

(International News Service.)

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4,000 Carpenters Strike In Pittsburgh District

(International News Service.)

Pittsburgh, May 1.—Serious labor trouble in the Pittsburgh district was fanned when 4,000 carpenters went on strike, their ranks being augmented by 300 plumbers and laborers. The carpenters ask for \$6 for an 8-hour day instead of \$5, with double time for overtime.

EYES OF WORLD TURNED ON MAY DAY DISTURBANCES ALL OVER EUROPE

ALL CAPITALS AND PRINCIPAL CITIES REPORT BIG DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTING IS FEARED.

CENSORSHIP STRENGTHENED

PARTICULAR INTEREST CENTERS ON RUSSIA WHERE DAY IS CELEBRATED FOR FIRST TIME UNDER NEW REGIME.

(International News Service.) London, May 1.—This is Europe's critical day.

Socialists and workmen are holding May Day demonstrations in practically all the capitals and principal cities. Great trouble was feared before the day was over despite the military precautions of the various governments. In Germany and Austro-Hungary, where the labor situation is acute, radical socialists and dissatisfied workmen threaten to bring about a general strike and to make manifestations in favor of immediate peace.

Amsterdam dispatches say that Germany has closed her frontiers and established a double press censorship.

Particular interest is centered on the situation in Russia, this being the first May Day to come since the socialists seized the government.

Church Blown Away.

Bethel church about one mile out from Hartselle, was directly in the path of the storm and was blown from its foundations and scattered in the winds. A magnificent grove of sugar trees that surrounded the church was leveled. The building is one of the most historic in the county, and has stood for more than half a century as a religious landmark of the section.

Many narrow escapes from death were reported, and that none were killed outright is considered almost miraculous. At the C. P. Stevenson place a magnificent orchard was ruined, and the residence badly damaged. Two big oak trees that stood in the yard were blown across the house. At the Jenter place a cow was left stranded in the top of a tree, which was cut down this morning and the imperiled bovine liberated.

Virgil Evans First In Class Of 46

I. N. S. Man at Birmingham Makes Splendid Grade.

Virgil Evans, in charge of the Birmingham Bureau of the I. N. S., the man who talks the news to the Daily each day in the week, was the non-or man of the class of 46 examined at Tuscaloosa yesterday for entrance to the Officers' Training School of the United States army at Ft. McPherson, Ga. Mr. Evans made a higher grade than any of the other applicants, but three of whom failed. This means that he will soon be on the royal road to a commission in the army and that the newspaper ranks will have added another name to the long list of recruits which they are furnishing.

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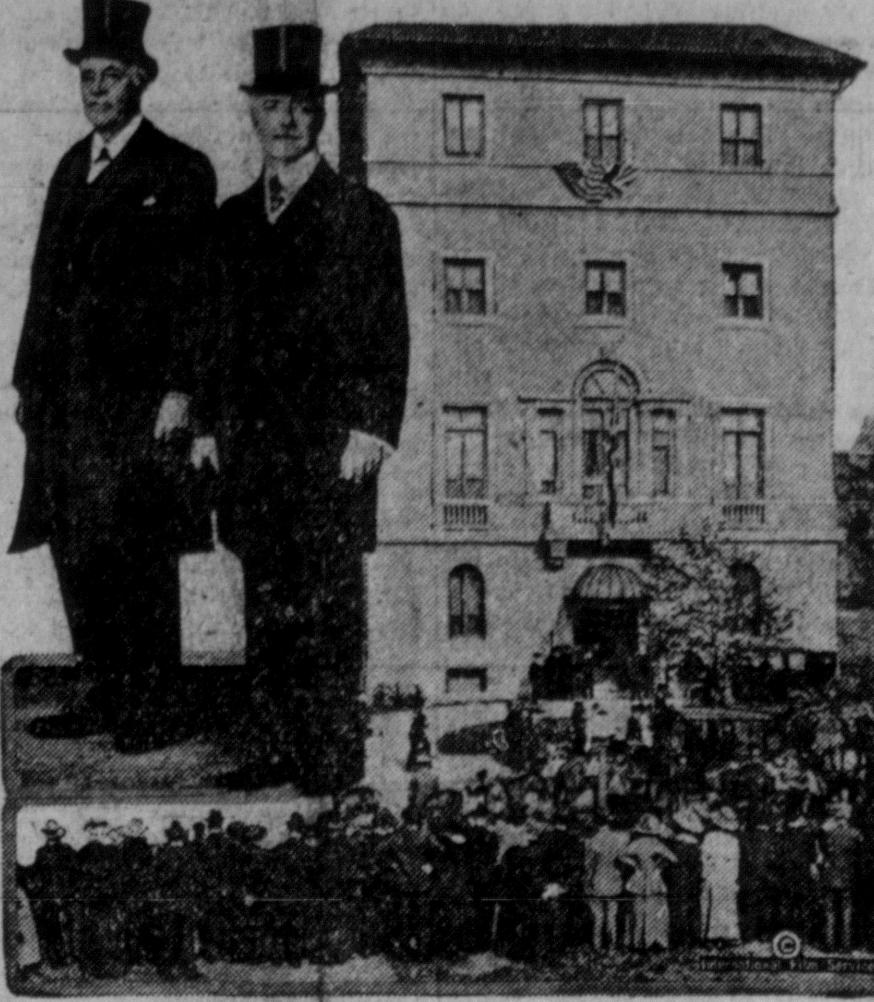
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BRITISH COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON



Arrival of the British war council commission at the residence in Washington provided for its occupancy, and A. J. Balfour and Secretary Lansing photographed at the Union station as the commission arrived.

WAR CENSORSHIP IN EFFECT TODAY IN UNITED STATES

War Department Takes Control Of All Telephone And Telegraph Lines To Suppress Unauthorized News Reports

PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU NAMED

Spreading Of Information Likely To Reach Enemy Or Embarrass America Is Prohibited By The Executive's Order

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—Virtual war censorship went into effect today. Acting under an executive order issued by President Wilson the war department this morning took over control of all telephone and telegraph lines.

At the same time the navy department assumed charge of the cables.

As the result of this action hereafter only messages which have passed the censor will be transmitted.

The president's order placing the censorship, the first of the war, into effect gave the information that simultaneously expert personnel went on duty to carry out the orders of the president.

The plans for the censorship pro-

vides that the enemy shall be denied all military and other information. It is also intended that the censorship shall obtain information of value to the United States, prevent the spreading of reports likely to interfere with the success of the military or naval forces of the United States or to secure training, discipline or administration of the military and naval forces of the United States.

The censorship prohibits the transmission of messages to points without the United States and for delivering messages received at such points except those permitted under rules to be made by the secretary of war for telephone and telegraph lines and by the secretary of the navy for submarine cables.

Secretary Daniels has assigned Commander E. W. Todd, director of naval communications, to have charge of naval censorship, and Commander Arthur B. Hoff will be in control of the New York division.

Brigadier General McIntyre has been selected by Secretary Baker to direct telephone and telegraph supervision on the border.

The committee on public information will provide the clearing house necessary to relate the activities of naval and military censorship to other departments of government.

The names of a number of codes which may be used in the transmission of messages were given and the names of the code shall be admitted in the check and shall be signalled free. All cablegrams are accepted at the sender's risk.

The article has aroused much com-

ment, especially in view of the long delay of Chile in naming delegates to the neutrality congress at Buenos Aires.

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISNE SECTORS REPORT FIGHTING

(International News Service.)

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Paris, May 1.—Champagne and the Aisne river sector are again the chief zones of fighting on the western front.

French troops are driving forward again and in some points the line has been advanced nearly a mile on the five-mile front over which the fighting raged yesterday and last night. German counter assaults were delivered last night. Aerial activity is increasing above the French and British lines.

Opposition to the admiralty over its

ability to remove the German submarine menace has reached its highest point. It is rumored that certain members of the house of commons are preparing to start a movement to restore Col. Winston Churchill to the post of first lord of the admiralty. The admission of Sir Edward Carson, present first lord of the admiralty, aroused the press to new attacks to-day.

(International News Service.)

London, May 1.—Fighting activity around Ypres in west Flanders is reported. A second raid by British forces was reported by the war office today.

On the battlefield east of Arras the

British have made some attacks of minor importance. Reports indicate that the Germans were launching strong counter attacks in this region.

(International News Service.)

London, May 1.—Three persons were killed and 100 houses destroyed when an airplane of unknown nationality

bombed Zierikzee, Holland, on Sunday night, says a dispatch to the Telegraph.

CONSCRIPTION BILL WAS LAID BEFORE SENATE TODAY, AN AMENDMENT IS UP

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN WOULD PERMIT USE OF U. S. TROOPS AGAINST ALL COMERS.

MAY TACKLE OTHER POWERS

LEADERS GET BUSY IN STRAIGHTENING OUT KINKS SO THAT THE MEASURE GOES TO CONFERENCE

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—By a vote of 64 to 17 the senate this afternoon rejected the McCumber amendment striking out the clause of the draft bill exempting members of the religious sects opposed to war from conscription.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—Indications were at noon today that the age limits will be from 21 to 30 years in the conscription law.

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Washington, May 1.—The conscription bill was laid before the senate for re-passage immediately after the upper house convened at 11 o'clock this morning.

As a time saving step, Senator Chamberlain secured unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the bill. He immediately offered an amendment of the war department to make the troops

"ready for the present emergency" instead of the "war with Germany." Senator Chamberlain explained that if the United States became involved with other powers the war department feared that the troops could not be used against them.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—There was trouble ahead for the house ways and means committee whose full membership met today to receive the subcommittee's draft of the war revenue bill. Dissension broke out in the committee several days ago.

There has been a growing feeling that the sub-committee in completing the draft of a bill has exceeded its authority. There is little prospect that the committee will accept the sub-committee's report.

It is understood, first of all, that the sub-committee does not raise within \$400,000,000 of \$1,300,000,000 estimates and schedules which were submitted by Secretary McAdoo. The proposal will be fought by republicans on the full committee.

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 1.—Senate leaders renewed their efforts today to extricate the conscription bill from

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Second Regiment Band Arrives Here

Rev. J. D. Pointer Will Speak Tonight at Y. M. C. A.

Rev. J. D. Pointer, returned missionary from Africa, will lecture at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock.

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LET'S GROW SOME BEANS.

Don't risk everything on vegetables that perish with the passing of summer; grow more lasting and enduring foods, such as corn, potatoes, etc., remarks the Tuscaloosa News.

This is mighty sound advice and we hope it is being accepted all over Alabama. The people cannot be argued too strongly to plant potatoes, corn, peas, beans and other such garden truck that can be dried or canned.

And especially beans. Any kind of dried beans make good winter eating. Beans can be grown easily and with little expense. Bean seed are comparatively cheap now even if there is a shortage in beans. White beans, kidney beans, butter beans, brown eyed navies, any old bean is a good bean. We can lick Germany on beans. Armies consume tons of them. America eats mountains of them.

Plant the lowly bean. It sold for 17 cents per pound retail this winter and we'll buy a bushel of the best brown eyed navies our garden will produce that beans will go to 25 cents a pound this winter. Any Tennessee Valley editor want to match a bushel of his beans against us?

CONSCRIPTION AGE LIMIT.

Congress, having put aside its own preferences in the matter and given President Wilson almost what he asked for on conscription, should now harken to the wishes of Secretary Baker and the administration and amend the conscription law to take in those between the ages of 21 and 27 years. The senate bill fixes this age limit, while the house bill fixes the limits at 21 to 40.

The administration is making a clean sweep, it seems; backed probably by a strong feeling from the country at large that the responsibility for the success of the war rests on President Wilson and he should have what he wishes to fight with. When the conscription bill goes to conference the conferees should amend it in conformity with the wishes of Secretary Baker and President Wilson.

PAYING THE SOLDIERS.

Probably an overwhelming majority of the citizens of the United States will heartily endorse the action of congress in raising the pay of the soldiers who will go as Uncle Sam's contribution to the world war. This action was taken Saturday night, the house voting to give the soldiers \$20 per month and the senate \$22 per month, instead of \$15 as heretofore. The clause now goes to conference and will be threshed out between the two houses.

The United States is the richest nation in the world by many billions of dollars. We cannot all fight but we can do all in our power for the men who do the fighting and we are rich enough to double the pay the soldiers get.

Thirty dollars per month besides board, clothing, transportation and everything the soldier needs even to his laundry and tobacco is not such a bad wage for a youngster to make, but he who fights his country's battles cannot be too highly paid. America was already paying its soldiers higher than any other country.

The insistent pleas of the British and French missions for men and money and provisions warns America not to expect an early ending of the war. This Macedonian cry portends a long and bitter struggle. It almost admits that but for the intervention of the United States Germany would have realized her dream of world conquest.

Maybe the Chicago Tribune, so prone to rant of the "barbarians of the South" has gotten here to the fact that the mayor of the Windy City is being investigated for disloyal utterances in connection with his refusal to extend an invitation to the French and British missions to pay him a visit.

It's a safe bet that if Col. Roosevelt is ever allowed to lead a division into France he will become the "LaFayette of America" if not the successor of friend Poitain.

Senator McCumber's objection to the legalizing of the conscription by the allied governments of aliens in America seems a bit dimly in view of the fact that these persons have refused to take out naturalization papers. "The man without a country" — when he is definitely so — should not be allowed to escape the burden of his disloyalty. Neither should good Americans be drafted for military service ahead of those who live upon America and yet refuse to become citizens.

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"Eat all you can and can all you can't eat" is a good slogan for the farmers, especially this year.

Brazil, apparently, has been taking lessons in diplomacy from the Greeks.

Reduced consumption is the only argument in favor of high prices.

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